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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LAIR ET AL.

Examiner

Charles G Freay

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5, 6 and 36-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 7-35 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on 06 January 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 17 is objected to because of the following informalities: after "has" "an" should be inserted. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 36-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Maison (USPN 3,739,582).

Maison discloses a thrust reverser having a nacelle (34) with radially outer (30) and inner (28) skins, a gang of outer louver doors (48,50,52) mounted in the outer skin, a inner door (46), a unison link (88,94), a drive link (72,100) and an actuator (60) for rotating the doors from a stowed position (Fig. 2) to a deployed position (Fig 3).

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Wright (USPN 3,764,096).

Wright discloses a thrust reverser having a nacelle (60) with radially outer (26) and inner (24) skins, a outer louver door (54) mounted in the outer skin, a inner door

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(56), a drive link (78) and an actuator (92) for rotating the doors from a stowed position (shown in dashed lines in Fig. 3) to a deployed position (shown in solid lines in Fig 3).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 40 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maison.

As set forth above Maison discloses a thrust reverser substantially as claimed.

Maison does not disclose a means for selectively locking the blocker door when stowed.

The examiner gives official notice that means for selectively locking thrust reverser doors in their stowed positions are well known in the art. Further, at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide such a lock to the blocker door of Maison in order to prevent a catastrophic accident.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4 and 7-35 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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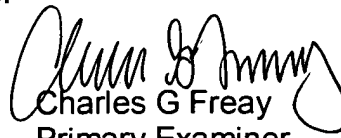
Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Colbertson and Mortlock et al disclose thrust reversers mounted in the nacelle of gas turbine engines and having outer and inner pivotal doors.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles G Freay whose telephone number is 703-308-0639. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl Tyler can be reached on 703-306-2772. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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